Abstract

In a rapid coupling, an end section ~~20~~ of a pipe nipple ~~12~~ engages in a through-hole ~~11~~ of a ~~bush~~ sleeve ~~10~~. A groove ~~17~~ provided on the pipe nipple ~~12~~ serves to engage a resilient locking ring ~~23~~ formed in the ~~bush~~ sleeve ~~10~~ in order to lock the coupled state. The locking ring ~~23~~ is located in an annular recess ~~24~~ formed close to the insertion end ~~13~~ of the ~~bush 10~~sleeve. If the pipe nipple ~~12~~ is not inserted into the bush ~~10~~ to such an extent that the locking ring ~~23~~ latches in the groove ~~17~~, the pipe nipple ~~12~~ is pushed outward by a compression spring ~~19~~ provided in the through-hole ~~11~~ of the ~~bush 10~~ sleeve, so that the groove ~~17~~ is readily visible outside the ~~bush 10~~sleeve. The groove ~~17~~ thus serves not only for locking in the properly coupled state but also as an indicator for indicating a state which is not properly coupled.